

**Introduced by Senator Cedillo**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 129—Relative to Los Angeles Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 129, as introduced, Cedillo. Los Angeles Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate State Highway Route 60 as the Los Angeles Police Officer Steven Gajda Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda was born on October 30, 1968, in
- 2 Parkridge, Illinois; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda served as a helicopter crew member
- 4 in the United States Army; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda entered the Los Angeles Police
- 6 Academy on May 21, 1990, where he earned a reputation as a
- 7 conscientious cadet; and
- 8 WHEREAS, After his appointment as an officer with the Los
- 9 Angeles Police Department, Steven Gajda was assigned to the
- 10 department's anti-gang unit, called the Community Resources
- 11 Against Street Hoodlums (CRASH) unit, which operates in the
- 12 most violent neighborhoods in Los Angeles; and

1 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda, while serving in the CRASH unit,  
2 was shot on December 31, 1997, when identified gang members  
3 wanted on murder charges were fleeing the scene of a New  
4 Year's Eve disturbance; and

5 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda died from these injuries the  
6 following day, January 1, 1998, his wife's birthday; and

7 WHEREAS, The men and women of law enforcement have  
8 the unenviable task of guaranteeing the public's safety, and it is  
9 as difficult and dangerous as it is important, as evidenced by the  
10 death of Steven Gajda who was killed in the line of duty; and

11 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda was known as an officer who was  
12 willing to accept responsibility and for his humor and artistic  
13 talents, drawing caricatures that showed life with the CRASH  
14 unit, and his spirit always brought support to his fellow officers;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Steven Gajda is survived by his wife, Belinda,  
17 and their daughter, Brittany; his parents, Chris and Steve Gajda;  
18 his brothers, Mark, Scott, and Brian Gajda; and a daughter from  
19 his prior marriage; and

20 WHEREAS, It would be a fitting tribute to Steven Gajda to  
21 name State Highway Route 60 as the Los Angeles Police Officer  
22 Steven Gajda Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates State  
25 Highway Route 60 as the Los Angeles Police Officer Steven  
26 Gajda Memorial Highway; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
28 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent  
29 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,  
30 showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations  
31 from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those  
32 signs; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
34 the resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
35 author for appropriate distribution.